## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of treating, in wastewater purification, sludge

containing organic matter, divalent iron and phosphorus, wherein comprising:

treating the sludge that is treated is made to contain so that it contains dissolved iron and

phosphorus at a molar ratio Fe:P of above 1:1;

treating the sludge is treated at 0-100°C with an acid at a, wherein a pH of 1-5 is achieved for

dissolution of divalent iron and phosphorus from the sludge;

supplying the sludge is supplied with an oxidizer or mixture of oxidizers selected from hydrogen

peroxide and percompounds, whereby divalent iron is oxidized by Fenton's reaction to

trivalent iron; and

(i) trivalent iron is precipitated as trivalent iron phosphate;

(ii) free radicals with a deodorisation and sanitation effect are formed by Fenton's

reaction;

dewatering the sludge is then dewatered at a pH of at most 7; and

recirculating the aqueous solution obtained in dewatering is recirculated to the wastewater

purification.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sludge is acid treated with

sulphuric acid, formic acid or oxalic acid.

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3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the sludge is acid treated for

10 min to 2 h.

4. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sludge that is treated is made

to contain iron and phosphorus at a molar ratio Fe:P from above 1:1 to 1.5:1.

5. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sludge is supplied with

additional divalent iron before the adding of an oxidizer.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the oxidizer or mixture

of oxidizers is selected from at least one of hydrogen peroxide, sodium percarbonate and

peracetic acid.

7. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the oxidizer is hydrogen peroxide.

8. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sludge is supplied

with hydrogen peroxide as an oxidizer in an amount of 10-100 kg, preferably 30-60 kg, 100%

hydrogen peroxide per tonne of dry solids.

9. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sludge is supplied with a

dewatering aid before dewatering.

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10. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sludge is predewatered with a

centrifuge or a rotary screen.

11. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sludge is finally dewatered

with a centrifuge, screw press, chamber filter press or band filter press.

12. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sludge is dewatered to a

solids content of at least 30% by weight.

13. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sludge is dewatered to a

solids content of 35-60% by weight.

14. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein the amount of hydrogen peroxide is

30-60 hg, 100% hydrogen peroxide per tonne of dry solids.

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